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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

MARTIN ET AL.

Examiner

Thjuan P Knowlin

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 March 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 December 2001 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6 and 7.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

1. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Chang et al (US 5,958,016).
2. In regards to claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 25, Chang discloses a telecommunications system, a processing module and method (PC terminal 29) in communication with an external communication device (col. 14 lines 16-19), said processing module comprising: a message handling object that receives messages fragments from said external device; said message handling object discerning an event and forming a message associated with said event from selected ones of a plurality of received message fragments; and a dispatcher in communication with said message handling object, said dispatcher identifying and invoking a selected process for processing said event, wherein said selected process executes at least one task for providing a communication service identified by said message (col. 2 lines 7-29, col. 5 lines 3-15, col. 6 lines 4-14, col. 8 lines 40-63, and col. 10 lines 19-49).

3. In regards to claims 5 and 22, Chang discloses a processing module and method, wherein said communication service includes a call feature of a subscriber (col. 6 lines 22-28 and col. 10 lines 32-49).

4. In regards to claim 10, Chang discloses a processing module, wherein the compiled representation is generated from a textual description in a mark-up language of the logic defining the telecommunication service (col. 17 lines 49-62 and col. 18-19 lines 66-11).

5. In regards to claims 12, 14, 24, and 26, Chang discloses a processing module and method, wherein said external device is a telecommunications switch (col. 7 lines 53-65).

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Beckle et al (US 5,153,909) teach a resource control and data handling for central office based automatic call distributors.


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thjuan P Knowlin whose telephone number is (703) 308-1727. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8:00-4:30pm.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ahmad Matar can be reached on (703)305-4731. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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9. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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